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**SENATE BILL 2163** By Elsea

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Section 7, relative to executions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

() Confidentiality of records of persons involved in the execution of a sentence of death. -- Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, all records identifying an individual as a person who has been or may in the future be involved in the process of executing a sentence of death shall be treated as confidential and shall not be open to public inspection. For the purposes of this section, "person" includes, but is not limited to, an employee of the state, a contractor or employee of a contractor, or volunteer. Records made confidential by this section include, but are not limited to, records related to remuneration to a person in connection with such person's participation in or preparation for the execution of a sentence of death. Such payments shall be made in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the Commissioner of Correction

and the Commissioner of Finance and Administration in a manner that will protect the public identity of the recipients.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

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